



Agenda ***Sister Cities Commission***

January 25, 2018
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Seating of Alternates

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes: October 27, 2017

V. Approval of Agenda: January 25, 2018

VI. Announcements / Correspondence

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

VII. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission in any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be added to the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. Elections

Background: Existing SCC bylaws state that a Chair and Vice Chair are to be selected annually at the first meeting of the year for a term of one year. The Chair is responsible for calling meetings to order and presiding over all sessions. Additionally, the Chair receives Commissioners' notices of being unable to attend a meeting. The Vice Chair assumes the Chair's duties in his / her absence. Review SCC bylaws at: www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/_pdfs/commissions/scc/scc_bylaws.pdf

Recommendation: Conduct elections for Chair and Vice Chair positions.

IX. Old Business

2. Possible Sister City Relationship with a Latin America City

Background: Recent research has centered in finding a sister city near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Receive update from Chair Grilli.

Recommendation: Review and discuss.

3. Possible Sister City Relationship with an Indian City

Background: Commissioner Awasthi leads research and discussion regarding this city's interest in becoming a Milpitas Sister City.

Recommendation: Receive update from Commissioner Awasthi. Staff needs a copy of the Request for Sister City Relationship form.

5. Current Ideas in Motion to Promote the Sister City Program

Background: One area of immediate interest is updating the SCC web page. Staff has a concept to present at this meeting.

Recommendation: Receive updates, decide how to implement ideas and determine a schedule.

6. ePal Project with Sister Cities

Background: Participating students are in Huizhou and Dagupan. The Project was off to a late start this year, but now has matching students.

Recommendation: Review updates and discuss other promotions ideas.

7. Tsukuba City, Japan

Background: Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. Commissioner Arefi is the lead commissioner.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

8. Dagupan City, Philippines

Background: Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in October 7, 2014 for a five-year term, ending October 7, 2019. A lead commissioner is needed for this sister city relationship.

Recommendation: Determine a lead commissioner. Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

9. Huizhou Municipality, China

Background: Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU on October 15, 2013 for a five-year term, ending October 15, 2018. Chair Grilli is the lead commissioner for this relationship.

Huizhou representatives have requested to establish a sister school relationship between MHS and a school in Huizhou, China. This can be tied into the outreach to MHS management.

Recommendation: Receive updates and discuss possible student and/or adult visits and other exchanges as available.

VI. Student Liaison Report

VII. City Council Liaison Report

VIII. School District Liaison Report

IX. Future Agenda Items

Ongoing Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges

1. Tsukuba, Japan
2. Dagupan, Philippines
3. Huizhou, China

Possible New Business: as noted by SCC

X. Adjournment

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